Widening and strengthening of NHs

†3363. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the highways of the country for which the works of widening and strengthening are in progress at present;

(b) by when the construction works of all these highways are likely to be completed;

(c) whether it is a fact that the construction works of most of the highways are being implemented very slow;

(d) if so, the steps Government is taking to expedite the construction works of the said highways; and

(e) the number of highways for which Government is planning the work of widening and strengthening in the next financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Road accidents and help provided to affected people

†3364. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of road accidents during the year 2007;

(b) the number of persons died and injured in road accidents, State-wise;

(c) the reasons for rising road accidents;

(d) the steps so far taken by Government to check rising number of road accidents; and

(e) the help extended by Government to the affected people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) As per the report by the States/UTs, the number of road accidents on all roads during the years 2004, 2005 and 2006 which is the latest available data, is as under:—

Year	Road Accidents on all roads
2004	429910
2005	439255
2006	460920(P)

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(b) As per the report by the States/UTs, the details regarding number of persons killed and persons injured on all roads due to road accident during the year 2004, 2005 and 2006 (the latest available data) are annexed as Statement (*See* below).

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) Road accidents and fatalities are caused by a number of factors such as driver's fault, mechanical defects in the vehicles, fault of pedestrians, bad road, bad weather, cattle, fallen trees etc. Other factors that contribute to road accidents are increase in vehicular population, increase in population, heterogeneous traffic, modern high speed vehicles, increase in road space, etc.

(d) The safety of road users is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government. However, this department has taken several steps to improve road safety for the road users which are as under:

(i) Road safety is the integral part of road design at the planning stage for National Highways/Expressways.

(ii) Various steps to enhance road safety such as road furniture, road markings/road signs, introduction of Highways Traffic Management System using Intelligent Transport System, enhancement of discipline among contractors during construction, road safety audit on selected stretches, have been undertaken by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).

(iii) Refresher training to Heavy Motor Vehicle drivers in the unorganized sector.

(iv) Involvement of NGOs for road safety activities by Department of Road Transport and Highways and NHAI.

(v) Setting up of Model Driving Training School in the country by Department of Road Transport and Highways.

(vi) Publicity campaign on road safety awareness through audio-visual-print media by Department of Road Transport and Highways.

(vii) Institution of National Award for voluntary organizations/individual for outstanding work in the field of road safety by Department of Road Transport and Highways.

(viii) Tightening of safety standards of vehicles.

(ix) Provision of cranes and ambulances to various State Governments/NGOs under National Highway Accident Relief Service Scheme. National Highways Authority of India also provides ambulances at a distance of 50 Km. on each of its completed highways under its Operation and Maintenance contracts.

(x) Widening and improvements of National from 2 lanes to 4 lanes and 4 lanes to 6 lanes etc.

(e) The compensation to the deceased/injured in a road accident is given on the basis of Structured Compensation Formula prescribed under II Schedule of the Motors Vehicle Act, 1988 on no-fault principle basis. The amount is calculated on the basis of number of factors such as age of the victim, income, number of dependents etc. If the road accident victim/ legal heir is not satisfied with the amount of compensation, he may approach Motor Accidents Claims Tribunal/Civil Courts for higher compensation on fault principle. The details regarding compensation paid to the accident victim are not compiled in this Ministry as the compensation is paid by the Insurance Company.

Statement

State-wise number of persons killed and persons injured in India on all roads during the year 2004, 2005 *and* 2006

States/UTs	Persons killed			Persons injured		
	2004	2005	2006(P)	2004	2005	2006(P)
Andhra Pradesh	10552	10534	12761	50895	46613	58520
Arunachal Pradesh	166	87	129	419	330	361
Assam	1288	1544	1841	4313	5540	5435
Bihar	1791	1588	2396	2664	2559	3578
Chhattisgarh	2060	2258	2374	9897	10378	11208
Goa	306	242	303	2730	2714	2931
Gujarat	5423	5642	6161	34436	34901	33984
Haryana	3417	3379	4012	8643	8773	9118
Himachal Pradesh	836	812	867	4975	4507	4879
Jammu & Kashmir	958	884	989	8889	8315	8219
Jharkhand	1869	1919	1914	4293	3520	3707
Karnataka	6496	6904	7973	50395	54061	60940
Kerala	3059	3161	3627	51228	51217	49799
Madhya Pradesh	4703	5327	5318	37250	39719	42639
Maharashtra	9875	10259	11343	47394	40838	51024
Manipur	115	137	159	1090	1335	1020
Meghalaya	135	126	165	362	543	379
Mizoram	59	59	64	131	127	149
Nagaland	60	52	68	140	307	275
Orissa	2454	2549	2755	9498	10160	9763
Punjab	2580	2793	3052	4218	4131	4307
Rajasthan	6477	6793	7154	31334	29986	29434
Sikkim	51	77	70	278	436	391
Tamil Nadu	9507	9758	11009	57283	62006	64342
Tripura	181	209	196	1160	1067	1368
Uttaranchal	931	868	975	1870	1841	1910
Uttar Pradesh	9946	9955	10851	13188	12883	13650
West Bengal	4994	4727	4600	14877	15111	12257
A & N Islands	15	23	22	307	329	222
Chandigarh	149	135	142	350	553	525
D & N Haveli	54	55	45	133	115	114
Daman & Diu	24	24	27	70	72	53
Delhi	1907	1862	2169	8072	8447	8280
Lakshadweep	NIL	NIL	1	3	5	7
Pondicherry	180	226	217	1725	1843	1693
TOTAL:	92618	94968	105749	464521	465282	496481

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